Despite keeping a low profile, Mr. Del Herbel was named the 2013 recipient of the Salina Award for Outstanding Citizenship. The announcement was made at the Foundation's annual luncheon on May 16.

Herbel is described as a person who loves to do things for people, as a good listener and conversationalist. For more than 25 years, his north Salina business, Del's Alternator and Starter, Inc., was the apex of his both his livelihood and some of his most important volunteer work, caring for “his kids”.

Since the early '80s children that lived in the north end of town that had to catch a bus to school waited inside his shop.

Katy Kitchen joins GSCF staff

GSCF is pleased to welcome our newest staff member, Katy Kitchen! Katy will work with our growing family of affiliate foundations as well as our Youth GrantMakers Council. Katy is a Salina native and graduate of Kansas Wesleyan University with a degree in photography. She brings a number of skills to her position including graphic design and teaching experience.

Katy has a son, Jadyn, and says she enjoys indulging her passion for photography in her spare time. In addition to her work at the Foundation, Katy will continue her role as an adjunct professor at KW.
Spring Grants

2013 Spring Fund for Greater Salina Grants

The Greater Salina Community Foundation is pleased to announce grant recipients for the spring 2013 Fund for Greater Salina grants. The Foundation received 21 grant applications with requests totaling $73,000. Grant requests are capped at $5,000.

$3,750 — Catholic Charities of Salina: to purchase grocery and gas gift cards for clients as they progress through the new Kansas Loan Pool Project

$2,000 — Child Advocacy & Parenting Services, Inc.: to support the Happy Bear sexual abuse prevention program presented in more than 180 area elementary classrooms

$2,180 — Central High School: to purchase new equipment for industrial arts, wood technology and residential construction courses at Central High School

$1,000 — Martin Luther King Child Development Center: to provide scholarships for low-income families who do not qualify for government assistance

$400 — Kansas Wesleyan University: to offset expenses to bring a Holocaust survivor speaker to KWU for the 2013 Holocaust Remembrance and Genocide Awareness Week

$1,500 — Rolling Hills Zoo: to support Penguin Landing, an up-close and interactive experience featuring live African black-footed penguins

$1,000 — Salina Child Care Association: for scholarships for low-income families

$500 — Salina Parks & Recreation: to provide special eggs for Easter egg hunts for visually impaired children

$1,200 — Salina Area Young Professionals: to offer a workshop on nonprofit governance to help develop a pool of individuals with interests in serving on nonprofit boards

$1,400 — USD 305 / Heusner Elementary School: to replace the mascot costume for Oscar the Bear who supports the school-wide reading program and is the official ambassador for the school

$500 — Salina Area Youth Sportsmanship Initiative: to purchase banners for youth sporting events that encourage good sportsmanship for parents, coaches, officials and youth participants

$15,430 Total Grants Awarded

YGMC Announces 2013 Youth Citizenship Award

Sacred Heart student Tracie Thibault was named the 2013 Youth Citizenship Award recipient by the Foundation’s Youth GrantMakers Council. Tracie is described as a dedicated volunteer, a leader, a talented athlete and gifted scholar. Through school, Tracie has been involved in Student Council, SAFE, Friends for Everyone, Science Olympiad, Forensics, Youth Advisory Council, cross country, track, basketball and softball.

Outside of school, she has logged more than 250 volunteer hours. When accepting her award, Tracie shared her first volunteer activity- encouraging her softball team to collect more than 1,000 diapers for the Pregnancy Service Center. In honor of that, Tracie donated her $100 award back to the Pregnancy Service Center.

YGMC members pose with the 2013 Youth Citizenship Winner, Tracie Thibault. From L to R: Courtney Main, Marisa Mitchell, Deby Nouanlasay, Thibault, Kate Martens and Damion Cooper

About this fund:

Nearly $770,000 has been awarded from the Fund for Greater Salina since inception. Funding for this grant program comes from donations, memorials, and other gifts to the Fund for Greater Salina Endowment. Gifts of any size are welcome additions to this important community grant fund. Significant donors to that endowment include:

- Don & Opal Dieckhoff
- The Turning Point
- Bob & Marcia Anderson
- Clark, Mize & Linville, Chtd.
- Tex & Betty Fury Fund
- Home Telephone Company, Inc.
- Joe & Mildred Pankaskie
- Joy D. Peterson Memorial Fund
- Charles E. Stevens Fund
- Michael & Alice Sullivan
- Chester & Laurabelle Smith
when it was cold or rainy. In addition to providing shelter, he took the time to visit and get to know them. Kids who walked home from the former Hawthorne School, used to take a short cut through the shop to say “hi” to him and the other workers. He rewarded them for good grades by giving them a dollar; he would give them a candy bar and a can of pop on holidays and the end of the school year. Several of those youth accompanied him and his family to Royal’s or Chief’s games.

Herbel was recognized for serving those in need in a quiet way, helping to repair a car for a family traveling through town, sharing produce from his plot in the community garden and even providing a sewing machine for a woman who needed one to provide for her family.

Herbel is an active member of the Salina Optimist Club, and for years has headed up the club’s management of the concession stand at Bill Burk Park. He recruits the workers- usually youth, does the scheduling, and purchases the food. He has personally worked countless hours at the ballpark. The most important part of this activity is that he has the opportunity to befriend, coach and guide the young people who are working in the stand.

He gives them guidance in learning to deal with all types of people, to work hard, to be dependable. He has written references for many of these young people when it comes time to apply for their first job, record volunteer hours for school or apply for a grants or scholarships for college. Kids over the years have referred to him as a grandparent because he never stops caring. To this day, he will be stopped by young men and women who introduce them to their spouse and children and tell them about how he guided them when they were in high school and worked at the concession stand.

Herbel’s love for these youth is obvious. “It breaks me up when I have to turn them loose,” he says, “but I figure I’ve got a couple hundred grandkids here in Salina. They all call me grandpa.”

Herbel received an engraved clock and a check for $1,000 in appreciation of his service to the community.
2013 YW Legacy Grants

The YW Legacy Fund offers annual grants that align with the mission of the former Salina YWCA, focusing on women, children and racial equality. Established in 2006 from assets of the former Salina YWCA and private donations, the fund has awarded more than $167,000 in grants.

The following grants were awarded for 2013:

**$1,000 — Child Care Aware:** to assist new providers with access to on-line early childhood development opportunities

**$990 — The CASTLE Project at Sunrise Presbyterian Church:** to purchase grade-level readers and take-home books for the summer learning program

**$2,500 — Salina Art Center:** to support a special project for girls involved in the HealthyLifestyles program at Lakewood School

**$2,500 — Girl Scouts of Heartland:** to assist with the Women of Achievement event

**$3,000 — Salina Child Care Association:** to provide a stipend to each classroom teacher for materials

**$5,000 — Ashby House:** to help with start up costs for the Hope House, a transitional house for women who are aging out of the Foster Care system

**$5,000 — Heartland Programs:** to support Community Family Connections, a series of education programs on parenting, relationship building and financial freedom **

**This grant was made possible through a partnership with the Elden Miller Trust. The Foundation is grateful to the Miller Trust for its support of the YW Legacy fund.

Total Awards: $19,990